

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Many of South Dakota's pioneers were small business owners in search of economic freedom and prosperity; over time, they created products and services which today are necessities of every day life; and,

Whereas, South Dakota's 22,000 small businesses are the primary stimulant of our dynamic economy; and,

Whereas, Since 1953, the U.S. Small Business Administration has played a critical role in providing South Dakota's small business community with the financial, business development, and technical assistance it needs to grow and prosper; and,

Whereas, The Small Business Administration is proud to have assisted so many of South Dakota's most successful businesses over the last 50 years – businesses that are household names and play important roles in our communities; and,

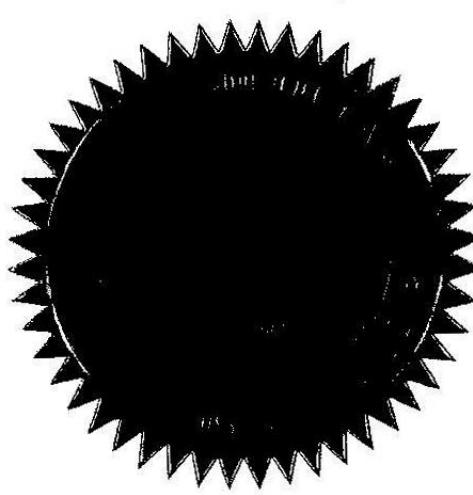
Whereas, The Small Business Administration is an important economic development partner with the state of South Dakota in enhancing our state's quality of life and economic vitality. Today, we salute the work the Small Business Administration does in this state each and every day:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2003, as

SBA/SMALL BUSINESS APPRECIATION DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



M. L. R.
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



C. Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State